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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/076,448	Applicant(s) KUDO et al.
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claims 1-13 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____

6) Other: _____

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Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C.

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- I. Claims 1-4 and 13, drawn to 4-(t-butoxycarbonyl)piperazines both racemic and optically active and process for making formula (7), classified in class 544, subclasses 389 and 396.
- II. Claims 5-7 and 9, drawn to compounds of Formula (3) and process of making such, classified in class 544, subclass 389.
- III. Claim 8, drawn to a process for making formula (1), classified in class 544, subclass 389.
- IV. Claim 12, drawn to a process for making formula (6), classified in class 544, subclass 389.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons: Compounds of I and II are drawn to distinct compounds as the salts of II are directed to optically active organic salts which are utilized separately from I as they have separate synthetic uses being discrete intermediates in the overall production of compounds of formula (7). Art which may anticipate or render obvious group I would not necessarily do the same for group II which is solely

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directed to optically active forms. Process in III does not make all the compounds of I only the racemic form which could also be made employing other acylating reactants other than the one specifically recited or (1) could be made by reacting the carboalkoxypiperazine with the necessary benzhydryl halide reactant which is a well known reaction . Process in group IV is not coextensive with salt forms of formula (1") and thus art which may be applicable to I would not necessarily be pertinent for IV which is directed to making a narrower scope of salts.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter and additional and separate search in the process art for III and IV, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

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Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Emily Bernhardt at telephone number (703) 308-4714.

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